

Application No.: 09/820,420

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Remarks

Claims 1-9 and 14-22 are pending. Claims 1 and 14 have been canceled. Thus, claims 2-9 and 15-22 remain under consideration. Claims 2, 8, 9, 15, 21, and 22 are amended.

Claims 2-7 and 15-20 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 2 and 15 have been amended to be rewritten in independent form and each is, therefore, allowable.

Claims 8 and 9 have been amended to depend from claim 2. Therefore, each of claims 3-9 depends from claim 2 and is allowable for at least all of the reasons that claim 2 is allowable.

Claims 21 and 22 have been amended to depend from claim 15. Therefore, each of claims 16-22 depends from claim 15 is allowable for at least all of the reasons that claim 15 is allowable.

Conclusion

In view of the above, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application and allowance of claims 2-9 and 15-22 is requested.

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